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SUBJECT: HESS

REFS: (A) BONN 12486

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1. WE BELIEVE BISHOP SCHARF'S IDEA SHOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE REJECTED OUT OF HAND IF RAISED WITH US BY SOVIETS, BUT WE AGREE THAT NO USEFUL PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY SEEKING TO ESTABLISH INDIRECT CHANNEL TO SOVIETS THROUGH BISHOP OR INDIVIDUALS LIKE ZIMMERMANN. ALLIED MISSIONS CONSIDERED ZIMMERMAN'S LETTER LAST WEEK AND AGREED THAT, REGARDLESS OF MERITS OF BASIC SCHEME FOR RELEASE OF HESS AND DISPOSITION OF SPANDAU, ALLIES COULD NOT RESPOND SUBSTANTIVELY TO HIM. DECISION REACHED WAS TO SEND FOLLOWING POLITE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ON BEHALF OF THREE MISSIONS FROM CHAIRMAN (BRITISH) AK SECRETARY: "ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA I WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR LETTER CONTAINING YOUR VIEWS ON RUDOLPH HESS AND SPANDAU." ZIMMERMAN HIMSELF RELEASED HIS LETTER TO PRESS
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CONCURRENT WITH DISPATCH TO ALLIES.

2. WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT DRAFT SCENARIO FOR POSSIBLE
DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS ON PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED AT
HESS' DEATH (REF B) INDICATE THAT, IF SOVIETS BROACH SCHARF'S
IDEA, ALLIED POLAD'S SHOULD HOLD LISTENING BRIEF, SEEK TO
ASCERTAIN WHAT SOVIETS MIGHT HAVE IN MIND BUT INDICATE THAT
THEY COULD NOT NEGOTIATE AND COULD ONLY REPORT BACK TO AUTHORITIES.
WE HOPE MISSIONS CAN AGREE TO FORWARD THIS DRAFT PAPER TO EMBASSIES
THIS WEEK.GEORGE

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